

Maritime Advisory Panel

By Judy Driscoll, Curator

The Maritime Advisory Panel is finally up and running with the mission to help our curator make decisions about all things Maritime — accessions, exhibits, and policies. Their most arduous task is evaluating boat offers and making decisions about what we can accept. To help in that regard the panel has established criteria:

- Was it built or used in North Kitsap?
- Do we have room to exhibit it?
- Can we store it in a safe, secure place where it won't deteriorate when not on exhibit?

These guidelines are in keeping with the Poulsbo Historical Society accessioning policy and follow those standards established by the American Alliance of Museums.

It's hard to turn down a beautiful acquisition, but we could have a veritable used boat lot if we accepted every offer! Hopefully a similar panel will be established for the Heritage collection in the coming year. If you have a desire to be on that panel, contact Judy Driscoll at jtdris@comcast.net or leave a message at 360.516.3975.



Celebrating a Successful Season of Walking Tours

A big thank you to some volunteers who have stepped up this year and trained as walking tour guides. Not just trained, but who have cheerfully stepped into the weekly summer role. At one point last year, we had only four of us actively working and two of us were 80 and over! Then we were contacted by another volunteer who stepped in to relieve the load. We usually need two people per ship and sometimes three, so additional help was greatly appreciated! This summer we have welcomed two more new guides who were trained in time to help in September and October when the big ship came back and our load doubled. It is so nice when people volunteer without being commandeered! Thank you to all our tour guides: Bob, Diana, Doug, Gordon, Jessica, Judy, and Kim! — **Judy Driscoll**

What Is Hiding in Your Walls?

A few years ago, we did a program on "Things found in walls." It's beginning to look like we need to do a similar exhibit soon. Last week a local resident walked into the museum with a box of things found in a wall in her early 1900s home. When she opened the wall during remodeling, the following artifacts were all found between two studs – 3 umbrellas, 2 children's pictures for framing copyrighted in 1905, a man's leather belt, part of an old broom – which would look great in a harvest exhibit! – an infant's shoe ca. 1900, an envelope from 1905, and badly deteriorated newspapers from the 1930s. Someone was either trying to make a time capsule, trying to get rid of things no longer needed, or maybe just trying to use the objects to create insulation!

We love getting things like this! They make such interesting peeks into the past. — **Judy Driscoll**

Volunteers Needed

- **Ghost Hosts for the Oct. 21 Ghosts in the Graveyard event. Sign up right away!**
- **Afternoons at the Maritime Museum**
 - **Sundays**
 - **Thursdays**
 - **Saturdays**

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Isn't it nice that some things stay the same?

The Poulsbo Historical Society is committed to preserving pieces of Poulsbo's past. That's why we're excited to be working toward the purchase of the historic Nilsen-Sonju house and its neighboring grassy lot--both of which have been fixtures on the Front Street landscape for more than 100 years.

While the Nilsen-Sonju house has been painted different colors over the years, the house has remained relatively unchanged since it was built in 1908. The adjacent grassy lot is one of the few green spaces remaining in the historic downtown area. We love seeing it filled with PHS members, families, and community members who are enjoying social time or educational activities. It's a beautiful space for people to gather!

We're working toward accepting the \$291,000 award from the state that will allow us to pay off the grassy lot and let us focus future efforts on completing the house purchase. In the spring, we hope to apply for a State Heritage Grant. This grant has a matching requirement, so any amount you can contribute will be a huge help! Donate today at www.poulsbohistory.com. Thank you!

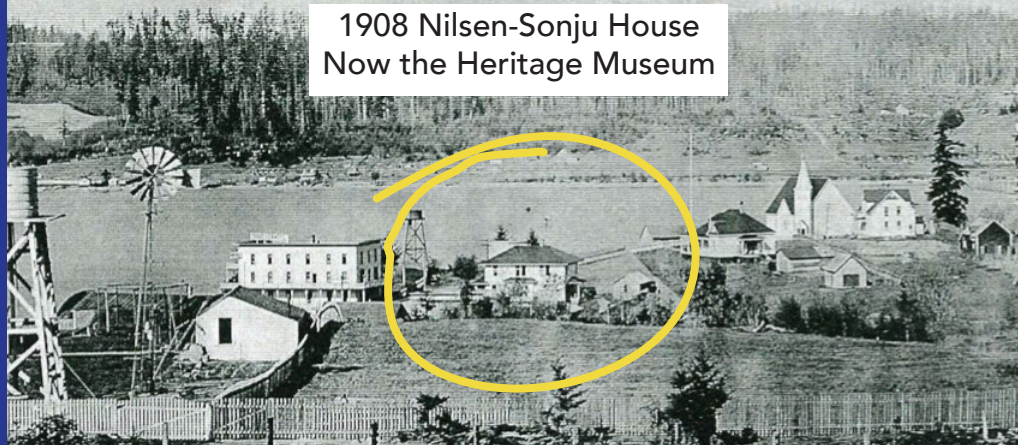


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**Capital
Campaign
Update**

Please help us preserve this historic home.

1908 Nilsen-Sonju House
Now the Heritage Museum



Many thanks to our capital campaign supporters!

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It Was a Summer of Learning

Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility

Sam Hampton, Ph.D., of 501 Commons dedicated a portion of his talk to presenting Dr. Pamela Hays' theories on understanding the complexities of individual identity: the ADDRESSING model. Categories are Age, Disability, Religion, Ethnicity, Social Class, Sexual orientation, Indigenous background, National origin, and Gender.

The View from 10,000 Feet

Mayor Becky Erickson was joined by panel members representing development, City Council, local business, tribal emissary, community activism. They covered many points of information during their presentations and in the question and answer session that followed. Take-aways for Poulsbo Historical Society include:

- This is a community where City budget always seems to lag behind the demand for City services
- College expansion is coming, and we may see ourselves as a "college town."
- The population of Poulsbo has a 50% turnover from 20 years ago. The Latinx population is the fastest growing segment in Poulsbo, 12% at the last census. There are now Hispanics on the Police Department, and City announcements are now being made in Spanish as well as English.
- Affordable housing is a challenge. People who work here may not afford to live here. Expect more housing, especially apartments, on the 305 corridor in the coming years.
- Poulsbo Historical Society, Poulsbo Parks and Recreation, and the Suquamish Tribe are developing a collaboration to create native signage at Fish Park. The new roundabout is a good example of future Tribe/City projects.
- Coming downtown can be perceived as a barrier by local residents, due to challenges finding parking spaces. The need for handicapped parking needs to be expressed to City Council and State representatives.
- Climate laws are written at the state and federal level. Locally take care of our trees and promote tree restoration.

Museum Trends in a Post-Pandemic Era

Panel members represented local museums, aquarium, and library as well as staff members (paid and volunteer) from Poulsbo Historical Society. Their insights included:

- The pre-Pandemic business model is not returning. Volunteering, membership, donations are not growing at their pre-Pandemic pace and, in some instances, are declining.
- There are definitely opportunities for growth in technology and in inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.
- It will take years to develop a new, strategic fundraising plan.
- There are clearly areas of strength to build on. We have the beginnings of virtual collections, and we know how to develop programs and services. To remain relevant we must build on new connections to new and younger audiences as well as returning ones.
- Non-traditional services must be explored: mobile services, curbside services, partnerships, youth volunteers.

Accomplishments — The Strong Foundation for Future Growth

Poulsbo Historical Society has been on an amazing journey since its inception in 1991. Recent years have only strengthened the organization's intent to fulfill its mission to record, preserve, and exhibit the history and culture of Poulsbo and the North Kitsap area. The Maritime Museum opened in 2015, followed by the relocation of the Heritage Museum to the Nilsen-Sonju House on Front Street in 2021. Planners of this summer's learning series point to these milestones as markers to celebrate as we move into the future.

There are now four PHS locations, two open seven days a week, staffed by an amazing corps of volunteers. Professional development continues with Board position descriptions, an anti-harassment and discrimination policy and complaint procedure for staff and volunteers, DEI training, creation of a risk assessment program. Staff has grown to four quarter-time and half-time positions. In fundraising the organization has remained strong operationally through the Pandemic while conducting the second consecutive capital (after paying off the Maritime Museum in 2020.)

As campuses expand, so does the need to care for them. At the Heritage Museum electrical service has been upgraded, new heat pumps installed, front porch resurfaced, and downspout drains replaced. What was once an empty green space is now a beautifully cared for lawn, enhanced by a gazebo and a shed to support outdoor activities. At Martinson Cabin lighting was improved and a new heater installed. Maritime Museum improvements include a new thermostat and the many almost-daily tasks required to keep the boatyard gleaming and polished.

This list — and many other projects — is impressive for a museum operation of any size and is only made possible through the efforts and skills of volunteers and the continued generosity of donors! — **Mary Ann Acosta**

It Was a Summer of Fun



Liberty Bay Festival

Left to right, starting at upper left: Participants in the Poulsbo Boat Rendezvous. Antique motors displayed by Donn Martinson. Sophia, a local teen craftsman. James and Ivan at Town and Country's delicious food booth (a fund raiser for PHS!). Emery Tallon, one of the crowd-pleasing musicians. United States Coast Guard. Kenzie and Rylie, more local teen craftsmen. Esther with Viking Ice Cream.



More Events

Left to right, starting at upper left: Host Candy Gratton and Board president Patty Henderson welcome Labor Day picnic guests. Lisa Macht arrives at the picnic by kayak. Yard sale is a crowd pleaser for locals and visitors. Thanks to Poulsbo Garden Club's generosity and volunteers who care for our lawn and other landscaping.

JOIN US AT ONE OF OUR UPCOMING EVENTS!



October



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Ghosts in the Graveyard

Sat, 1-3pm, First Lutheran's Graveyard

The spirits of Poulsbo pioneers will be awaiting you for our annual Ghosts in the Graveyard event. Wear comfortable walking shoes. Children activities and refreshments will be a treat!

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Genealogy Interest Group

Tue, 1pm, Archive & Research Center

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History LIVE! From Taverns to Breweries

Wed, 4-6pm, Moe's on Liberty Bay

This fun event will explore the history of all things related to "spirited" industries in Poulsbo. Was it really a "dry" town, and where were the best kept secrets?



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Poulsbo Halloween Hunt Sat, 12-3pm, Martinson Cabin

The Martinson Cabin will participate in the Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce Halloween Hunt. Watch for announcements on where to pick up your map to visit all the participating locations! We are always proud to showcase the Cabin for this event!



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Trick or Treat in Ghoulso! Tue, 4-6pm, Museum Campus

The Front Street Museum Campus will participate in Ghoulso! Expect lots of businesses to participate in this fun event, sponsored by the Historic Downtown Poulsbo Association. Trick or Treating is from 4 pm – 6 pm or until businesses run out of candy! Bring your dressed-up youngsters and celebrate a safe Halloween as we close off Front Street for trick-or-treating with candy provided by the downtown merchants.



November

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Salmon Crafts & Cider

Sat, 11am-4pm, Martinson Cabin

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Genealogy Interest Group

Tue, 1pm, Archive & Research Center

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Veterans Day

Sat, TBD, Museum Campus

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Tree Lighting Ceremony

Fri, 5-7pm, Poulsbo Waterfront Park

December

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Holiday Open House

Sat, 10am-4pm, All PHS Museums

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Genealogy Interest Group

Tue, 1pm, Archive & Research Center

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DIY Holiday Wrapping Paper & Gift Bag Workshop

Sat, 11am-4pm, Museum Campus

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